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SUBJECT: CCC CREDITS: CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER

TREPCZYNSKI

REF: STATE 190926

1. CHARGE GAVE COPY OF SECRETARY BUTZ'S LETTER TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TREPCZYNSKI THIS AFTERNOON, AUGUST 4. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVER TEXT TO BOTH AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND THAT HE HAD ALREADY DONE SO WITH THE FORMER LATE YESTERDAY. HE SAID THAT LETTER WAS INTENDED AS A REMINDER OF THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO ITS EXISTING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOP. ALSO WE RECOGNIZE THE DISTASTEFUL ALTERNATIVE WHICH WOULD CONFRONT POLAND IF IT WERE COMPELLED TO CURTAIL ITS BUSINESS WITH THE WEST AS A RESULT OF RECENT INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING FOOD PRICES. AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 2 REFTTEL, CHARGE THEN EXPRESSED USG SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED SO FAR IN BILATERAL RELATIONS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS, WITH THE UNFORTUNATE BUT STILL IMPORTANT EXCEPTION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES.

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2. IN RESPONSE, TREPCZYNSKI SAID THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT

VERY MUCH APPRECIATES SECRETARY BUTZ'S LETTER AND THE INTENTION OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE FURTHER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED AIR AND FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS RESOLUTION OF THE GDANSK GOLD/BOND ISSUE ARE IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARD BETTER TIES. HE EXPRESSED SPECIAL PLEASURE THAT THE GDANSK GOLD IS BEING RETURNED TO POLAND AND THAT THE LAST PROBLEM BETWEEN US COMING OUT OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, HAS BEEN RESOLVED. HE NOTED THAT RETURN OF THE GOLD IS AN ADDITIONAL KEY ELEMENT IN THE RECOGNITION OF POLISH RIGHTS TO GDANSK. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT CCC CREDITS ARE VERY IMPORTANT, SINCE POLAND HAS HAD THREE CONSECUTIVELY BAD YEARS IN AGRICULTURE. WHILE THE CURRENT YEAR WILL GENERALLY BE A LITTLE BETTER, GRAIN IMPORTS FROM THE US WILL HELP POLAND GET OVER THE PRESENT DIFFICULT PERIOD.

3. BEFORE SEEING EITHER BARCIKOWSKI OR TREPCZYNSKI, CHARGE HAD OCCASION YESTERDAY TO TELL PZPR SECRETARY FRELEK THAT THAT HE HAD ASKED TO BE RECEIVED BY HEADS OF BOTH AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN CONNECTION WITH CCC CREDIT QUESTION. CHARGE SKETCHED CONTENTS OF LETTER TO FRELEK, WHO ASKED IF TEXT HAD TO BE DELIVERED AT MINISTER-LEVEL. WHEN THIS WAS CONFIRMED, HIS COMMENT WAS TO THE EFFECT "WE GET YOUR MESSAGE AND ARE MOST GRATEFUL."
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